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Title : Fusion Proteins Comprising HIV-1 Tat and/or
Nef Proteins

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment and Response After Final. Submitted herewith is a Request for a Three-Month Extension of time and Notice of Appeal. Should the request for extension and/or Notice of Appeal become detached from this Amendment and Response, authorization is granted to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 32-36 and 54.

32. An immunogenic composition which comprises a protein comprising

- (a) an HIV Tat protein or a mutant thereof linked to an HIV Nef protein a mutant thereof; or

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